

Announcements

Handbell Choir

There will be a reorganizational meeting of the Handbell Choir on Sunday, September 9 at 4 PM.

Choir Rehearsals

Choir rehearsals have already begun. We are praying for committed people to share their talents in this ministry. We will rehearse from 5-6 PM on Sunday evenings. Pray to God about your part in this ministry.

Next Missional Lunch

Please join us for the next missional living lunch on September 8 immediately after the worship service. Between now and then, begin thinking about the following questions: What makes someone a good listener? What does it mean for a church family to be a community of grace? What kinds of things would tell a newcomer that a church is a community of grace? Hope to see you there!

Service for the Day of Prayer

September 11 has been designated as a national day of prayer and repentance. We will have a prayer service in the choir room that evening from 7:00-8:00 that will be a time of singing, fellowship, and prayer.

Attention Ladies!

Our church will host a Beth Moore Simulcast on Saturday, September 14 8:30-4:30. All-day attendance is not necessary. We welcome those that want to stay for any part of the day. A BBQ lunch will be provided. \$5 per ticket. Contact Britt Causey: 336-266-1685 or bcausey4@triad.rr.com Please join us for a day of encouragement and Bible study!

InterVarsity Lunch

The first InterVarsity lunch for the fall semester will be September 22. This is a great chance to spend time with college students from Elon and begin to build a relationship with them. If you would like to help with the lunch we would welcome desserts or drinks or help in setting up and taking down the room. Contact Christy Gregory for more information. Hope you can join us!

Young at Heart

Young at Heart will resume meeting Tuesday September 24 at 11:45 in the church fellowship hall.

Attention Secret Sisters!

On Saturday, September 28 from 2-4 in the fellowship hall, there will be a dessert fellowship where we will reveal who we had for a SS. We will also draw for our new Secret Sisters. If you cannot attend you should still make sure that your gift for your sister is there. Also, there will be Secret Sister forms in the vestibule that you can fill out ahead of time. Be sure to give the form to Margaret Owens or Christy Gregory if you are unable to attend but want to be a SS for the coming year. If you are willing to make a dessert please contact Margaret Owens at mtowens62@yahoo.com or telephone 336-263-7666.

Officer Nominations

Between now and October 1 the session will receive nominations for the following positions: Elder, Deacon, Congregational Chairman, Congregational Treasurer, and Trustee. Nomination forms for elder can be found outside the sanctuary.

Ministry Information

Nursery:

Today: Jessica Richardson and Christy Gregory
Next Week: Kristen Carter and Gene Parks

Children's Church:

Today: Stephen Robinson and Myrleann Schwerin
Next Week: Christy Gregory and Britt Causey

Deacon on Duty:

Today: Doug Glass
Next Week: Mark Vestal

Elder Greeter:

Today: Doug Cobb
Next Week: Gene Parks

Tithes and Offerings for August 25: General Fund \$2,705.89

The Session

Moderator: Rev. Bryan Gregory
Vice Moderator: Gene Parks
Clerk: Matt Causey

2013: Doug Cobb, Matt Causey
2015: Dick Fuller, Gene Parks

The Diaconate

Chairman: Glenn Owens
Vice Chairman: Mark Vestal
Secretary: Doug Glass

2013: Randall Cobb
2014: Glenn Owens, Mark Vestal
2015: Doug Glass, WD Yarbrough

Congregational Officers

Trustees: Jim Knox, Steve Kyaw, Gene Parks
Congregational Treasurer: Laurene Howington
Congregational Secretary: Matt Causey

Women's Ministries

Women's Ministries Coordinator: Christy Gregory
Morning Bible Study Leader: Lillian Fuller
Evening Bible Study Leader: Dot Hutelmyer

Church Staff

Pastor: Rev. Bryan Gregory
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First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2013

Preparation

Silent Meditation

The book of 1 John is very sweet to every healthy Christian heart that savors the bread of God, and it should constantly be in the mind of God's holy church. But I choose it more particularly because what it specially commends to us is love. The person who possesses the thing which he hears about in this epistle must rejoice when he hears it. His reading will be like oil to a flame. For others, the epistle should be like flame set to firewood; if it was not already burning, the touch of the word may kindle it.

St. Augustine (†430 A.D.)

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting

Call to Worship—Psalm 36

Minister O God, your constant love reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness extends to the skies.

People **Your righteousness towers like the mountains,
your justice is deeper than the sea.**

Minister We find protection under the shadow of your wings;
we feast on the abundance you provide.

People **You are the source of all life,
and in your light, we see light.**

Hymn of Preparation 267

Come, Thou Almighty King

Italian Hymn

Adoration

Invocation

Hymn of Adoration 97

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Coronation

Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth, but we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what you bless. We too often seek concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship tries to shape you into what we want instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and forever, in Christ. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon — Based on 1 Timothy 1:15, 17
*Here are words you may trust,
words that merit full acceptance:
Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
To all who confess their sins and resolve to lead a new life,
he says, “Your sins are forgiven.”
Now to the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God,
be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

Proclamation

Reception of New Member

Whitney Mullen

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

¹² Moses said to the LORD, “See, you say to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’” ¹³ Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” ¹⁴ And he said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” ¹⁵ And he said to him, “If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?” ¹⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, “This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” ¹⁸ Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” ¹⁹ And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” ²¹ And the LORD said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

Minister The Word of the Lord
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Anthem

See the Bread, See the Wine

Choir

(Dismissal to Children’s Church)

New Testament Reading

1 John 1:1-4

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- ² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us-- ³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

The Word and Fellowship of Life

Rev. Bryan Gregory

Celebration

Hymn of Response

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Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Quebec

Affirmation of Faith — The Nicene Creed

***We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father by Whom all things were made;
Who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
Whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.
And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.***

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Dedication

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Ed Limon

Doxology

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

Charge and Benediction

Postlude